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SUBJ: SHAH VISIT TO ROMANIA AND GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
ANNOUNCED

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED 1. COURT MINISTRY ANNOUNCED SEPT. 5 THAT
SHAH AND SHABANOU WILL PAY STATE VISITS TO ROMANIA (SEPT. 11-
14) AND EAST GERMANY (SEPT. 14-17) AT THE OFFICIAL INVITATION
OF THOSE COUNTRIES' RESPECTIVE PRESIDENTS. END UNCLASSIFIED.
BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THESE VISITS NOW
AT TIME OF SUBSTANTIAL DOMESTIC UNREST AND LESS THAN ONE
MONTH AFTER NEW PRIME MINISTER JAAFAR SHARIF-EMAMI HAS TAKEN
OFFICE COMES AS REAL SURPRISE TO MANY HERE. ALTHOUGH
EASTERN EUROPEAN TOUR HAD BEEN RUMORED PRIVATELY FOR SOME TIME,
ASSUMPTION FOR PAST TEN DAYS HAS BEEN THAT IT WOULD MOST
PROBABLY BE POSTPONED. TRIP WILL PLACE SHAH AT SOME
DISTANCE FROM RAPIDLY-EVOLVING POLITICAL SITUATION AND
FOLLOWS CLOSE ON HEELS OF VISITS TO IRAN BY CHINESE PREMIER
HUA AND JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA.

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3. TRIP TO GDR IS ESPECIALLY INTRIGUING BECAUSE COUNTRY
IS PRESENT HOME BASE OF EXILED TUDEH (COMMUNIST) PARTY
LEADERSHIP, WHICH IS CURRENTLY THE ONLY OUTLAWED POLITICAL
GROUP IN IRAN. WITHIN PAST TWO DAYS, IRANIAN NATIONAL
FRONT (AN OPPOSITION COALITION) CALLED FOR RETURN OF TUDEH
TO IRNIAN POLITICS, BUT THIS HAS BEEN ATTACKED IN PRESS
EDITORIALS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FAIRLY

EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF SHAH'S GDR VISIT, ESPECIALLY ANY
ELEMENTS RELATING TO TUDEH PARTICIPATION.
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